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Wrap-up On Budget Prospects; Tuesday, June 18, Crucial Day

by Al Skolnik

On Tuesday, June 18, the city council will adopt a municipal budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. All signs point to an increase in the property tax rate of 15 to 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The present tax rate is \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The original budget presented by city manager James K. Giese last April called for a 32-cent increase in the tax rate to cover the gap between income and expenditures of \$182,100. Since then this increase has been whittled down to about 18 cents by the following tentative actions:

- (1) Deletion of \$15,600 for the addition of secretarial help in the executive and public works departments;
- (2) Deletion of \$11,000 for city assumption of full cost (instead of % cost) of health insurance for city employees;
- (3) Reduction by \$14,600 in city's share of cost of Greenbelt CARES;
- (4) Increase of \$14,000 in county tax rebate to city;
- (5) Increase of \$17,000 in yield from city admissions tax;
- (6) Increase of \$14,000 in yield from city share of State income tax; and
- (7) Increase of \$1,200 in yield from roadway permits.

Every \$6,180 of decreased expenditures or increased income from sources other than the property tax accounts for one cent on the tax rate.

Budget-watchers at next Tuesday's meeting would do well to watch these items if they want early clues as to where the tax rate will end up.

(1) Will council alter the proposed 10-percent across-the-board increase in city salaries? This \$70,000 item accounts for 11 cents of the 1975 increase. The Washington Metropolitan area cost-of-living index during the past year has increased over 10 percent and the council received no objections at the public hearing to an increase of this amount.

(2) Will council alter the proposed capital improvements reserves item which was initiated last year as a 3-cent tax levy? There is some movement for deleting this \$18,500 item in the hope that the Greenbriar development will yield enough increase in the

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., June 13, 7:45 p.m. GHI Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Tues., June 18, 8 p.m. Council Adopts Budget, Municipal Building
Fri., June 21, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

tax base to make up the difference and support a 6-cent tax levy for capital improvements next year.

(3) How much will council delete from the proposed \$3,000 publications item?

(4) Will council alter the city manager's recommendation that \$75,000 in Federal revenue-sharing funds be allocated to meet general operating costs and the remaining \$76,000 be allocated for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center?

(5) How much will an increase in the admissions tax for coin-operated machines from 2% to 4.5% produce in revenue?

(6) Will the city receive any last-minute information that will alter its tax base estimate of \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 1975 or its estimates of yields from such State-shared taxes as income taxes, motor vehicle taxes, race track taxes?

(7) Finally, will council decree no snow next year and cut into the \$5,000 proposed for snow and ice removal?

Extension Courses Offered

The Extension Centers Office of Prince Georges Community College will offer 23 collegiate credit courses at county schools including Greenbelt Junior High for the fall semester.

Registration information and an application are enclosed in the fall extension catalog which can be received by calling 336-6000, ext. 418, or contacting David James, director of Extension Centers, at the Largo campus.

Ottile Van Allen Named Volunteer of the Year

by Barbara Likowski

Ottile Van Allen, 18-X Ridge Rd., was named "Volunteer of the Year" at a recent coffee attended by 800 of the 10,000 volunteers of the Prince Georges County school system. Mrs. Van Allen was presented a pin by Ms. Martie King from Volunteers in Education, the board of education's department that deals with volunteer helpers, in appreciation of her many hours of volunteer work in three sections of the county. The coffee, held at Highland Center in Lanham, was also attended by other volunteers from Center School and by officials of the school system including Dr. Hassel, and board member Mrs. Maureen Steinke.

When she received her award, Mrs. Van Allen said, "People sometimes ask me, 'Why do you do it?' This is what I tell them: This country has been very good to me. In 1912 when I was 8 years old, my father brought his family to the United States from the Old World. I know first-hand what it is to be a stranger, not speaking the language, to be bewildered even by those who are trying to help you."

"However, the public schools of Philadelphia prepared me well, and I went on to the university and to an interesting career, or rather, to several careers. Now that I have achieved a certain security, I enjoy the luxury of putting back some of the values that I have received. Hang in there sisters and brothers, you can make it, too!"

Before her retirement, Mrs. Van Allen worked as a high school teacher of Latin and French at the same time that she was raising two sons. Later she took special courses and trained to become an occupational therapist in a hospital.

Active in the League of Women Voters, she also does volunteer work for Planned Parenthood, is a member of the News Review staff and is a board member of Paint Branch Unitarian Church.

Mrs. Van Allen now volunteers at Center School tutoring children. Last year when pictures of volunteers were taken, Mrs. Van Allen and one of her young friends from Center were photographed. That photograph has now become a poster showing to many what a happy useful job volunteer work can be.

Deadline for Tax Credits

Elderly homeowners are reminded of the City's tax credit program. The deadline for filing applications is July 1. It is necessary to file a new application each year.

To be eligible for a credit the owner must be 65 years of age on or before July 1, have a legal interest in and reside on the property. Also the combined gross income of all residents of the property may not exceed \$5,000. The age limit does not apply if the owner is receiving 100% disability payments from Social Security or Railroad Retirement Acts.

Applications are available at the City Finance Department. They may be picked up between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mon. through Fri., or will be mailed, if requested, by calling 474-8000.

CENTER PTA OFFICERS

Resa Jascourt has been elected president of Center School's PTA for the 1974-75 school year. Other officers will be: First vice-president, Jack Szafran; Second vice-president, Joan Conway; Recording secretary, June Webb; Corresponding secretary, Joan Van Brunt; and Treasurer, Jean Magee.

BIKEWAYS, GREENBRIAR, AND MISS GREENBELT GET COUNCIL EYE

by Jim O'Sullivan

A resolution which would have directed the city staff to draft an ordinance requiring the construction of bikeways along with all new road construction in the city, split the council and sparked the liveliest debate of the evening during the Monday city council meeting. With Mayor Pilski absent, the resolution failed on a split 2-2 vote. Councilmen White and Castaldi voted yes. Councilmen Schwan and Weidenfeld voted no.

Councilman Thomas X. White, who introduced the motion, said that the time had come to guarantee that there be "dedicated ways" for bikes just as there are now dedicated ways for cars and pedestrians. Councilman Richard Castaldi said he wanted an ordinance fast, and said that such a law would give the city a bargaining position to negotiate, perhaps by trade-offs, for the construction of bikeways in conjunction with new roads.

Councilman Charles Schwan and Mayor Pro-tem Gil Weidenfeld were not against new bikeways, but both felt that the ordinance was premature. In addition, both made reference to the fact that a joint committee of PRAB and APB is now preparing a comprehensive bikeways proposal for the city.

City Manager James Giese offered the opinion that a road ordinance might be the wrong approach altogether to provide for bikeways. He suggested that bikeways away from the street would be safer.

Both sides in the debate stuck to their positions and the deadlocked vote left council awaiting the APB-PRAB proposal sometime later in the summer.

Another bicycle item on the agenda was referred to the Community Relations Advisory Board for comment. Councilman Weidenfeld brought up the problem of bicycle riding in the Center Mall. This time council was unanimous in referring the matter to CRAB.

Greenbriar Disclosure

Greenbriar continues to be a regular item on the agenda, with Councilman White expressing concern over adequacy of disclosure in the sale of condominium apartments. White said that fears of inadequate disclosure may be coming true. The councilman declared that unless a person were well-informed he would not realize that he was not purchasing a share in the recreation center along with his condominium apartment. White also wanted the city to make a second request for a packet of

CITY NOTES

The city has accepted an offer from the Board of Trustees of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad to transfer ownership of their Jeep to the city for \$1.00. This vehicle was formerly used for brush fires and similar fire-fighting activities. The Jeep will be used as a general utility vehicle by the Public Works Department. It is equipped with a winch, pump, water tank, 200 feet of 3/4" hose with nozzle. This latter equipment will prove particularly useful to the Parks Crew for watering or spraying for insect control.

The general crew divided its time last week between a number of tasks most of which involved aiding other crews. Since the refuse crew was shorthanded and with truck breakdowns several general crew members utilizing open dump trucks helped out.

Crushed stone has been ordered and upon arrival will be placed in wet and soft spots around the lake trail.

The park crew cut grass last week, with several members working until dark for four (4) evenings trying to get caught up. A new riding mower was delivered for use by the crew this week. Begonias were planted in the flower bed in front of the Suburban Trust Bank and also in the beds around the statue in the shopping center mall. Ballfields and the golf course were maintained, as well.

The newspaper collection last week netted 16 tons/240 lbs. The extra amount is attributable to the one paper collection the previous week.

the documents that would be given to a purchaser at the time of settlement.

APB Reports

The council received and accepted for consideration two reports from the Advisory Planning Board. The first report concerned the subdivision of a lot in the Golden Triangle. The half-acre section located in the southeast corner of the parcel would be used by Pepco as a sub-station. The APB is recommending disapproval, since this would begin a piecemeal division of the Golden Triangle, and since the question of access to the Triangle has not yet been resolved.

In the second report received by council, APB recommended that the revised concept plan for Beltway Plaza which incorporated many of the changes suggested by the board in a previous report be accepted. APB cautioned that every effort should be made to insure the developer adheres to the revised plan.

Tennis Courts Bids

The city received bids for the lighting of the tennis courts at Braden Field and for the construction of four new tennis courts. Although the bids were opened at the meeting, council decided to wait until their special meeting to make the awards. The exception to this was that council did decide to award the contract for paving to Van Sumner, Inc., who submitted a low bid of \$52,246. The council will act on the other bids once the city manager has made his recommendations.

Miss Greenbelt Pageant

The council received a request from Shirley A. Meredith, Chairman of the Labor Day Festival Miss Greenbelt Pageant, to issue a proclamation declaring that this year's winner be declared Miss Greenbelt, Maryland. Speaking from the audience, Mrs. Meredith declared that such a proclamation would make the pageant winner an official representative of Greenbelt at social and ceremonial occasions throughout the year.

Councilman Thomas X. White questioned the values inherent in beauty contests and said he didn't think they should be continued. "I don't wish to promote them," White said. Mrs. Meredith said that in addition to beauty, the contestants were judged on the basis of personality, general appearance and other qualities. The resolution was passed 3-1, with White casting the dissenting vote.

Other Business

The council also took care of a number of nuts and bolts items. The ordinance awarding bonds to finance the Center Mall improvements was amended to clear up an inconsistency in the maturity date. An ordinance allowing the city to borrow up to \$100,000 in order to meet expenses until tax revenues are received in September was passed. Council approved a 75c a month increase in the charge for garbage and trash collection. Council approved a \$31,850 transfer of funds to meet some shortages in certain budget accounts. Finally, council agreed to issue a proclamation declaring July 4th as a day to honor America.

GHI FUEL OIL CONDITION

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has announced that it has consumed 166,164 fewer gallons of fuel oil in the first five months of 1974, compared with the same period a year ago. This is attributable to fuel-saving measures adopted by the corporation and to a warmer winter. There are also signs that some of the oil companies are now interested in submitting bids for next year's fuel oil supply.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FISCAL YEAR 1974/75 BUDGET

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 1974 at 8:00 P.M.

for consideration and adoption of

the Fiscal Year 1974/75 Budgets for the General Fund, Replacement Fund, Revenue Sharing Fund and Youth Services Bureau Fund, for the adoption of an ordinance making appropriations in each of the funds and for the levying of taxes against real and personal property and a special tax against real property within the Special Taxing District for the Greenbelt Commercial Center for Fiscal Year 1974/75.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Copies of the FY 1974/75 Budget may be obtained

at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, Tel: 474-8003

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Greenbriar Plant Gets Test Run

by Elaine Skolnik

Testing of the Greenbriar on-site temporary sewage treatment plant is scheduled to begin this week. Such testing was a requirement of the operating agreement signed by the developers, Greenbriar Associates, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission on May 29, 1974. The testing program was deemed necessary to determine whether stage 1 of the project is capable of meeting the requirements of the discharge permit issued by the State of Maryland Water Resources Administration.

This discharge permit authorizes the discharge of treated effluent from the temporary sewage treatment plant to an unnamed tributary of Beavercreek. Greenbriar Associates has posted a \$24,000 deposit to cover the cost of the testing program and operating stage 1 for 8 weeks.

However, the agreement stipulates that stage 1 will not go into operation until the proposed eight-inch outfall line is constructed within an authorized easement on the property of Goddard Space Flight Center, and until the emergency interconnection with WSSC's sewage system has been constructed.

Testing at the plant this week is being done with clear water. The nuts-and-bolts operation includes running hydraulic tests on pumps and checking out all equipment and electrical systems. After this shake-down process is completed, sewage will be brought in for further testing.

The number of dwelling units that will be permitted to be served by stage 1 is limited to the number of dwelling units that will produce a daily sewage flow of 200,000 gallons. Connections to the plant will be in increments of not more than 100 and will be subject to WSSC approval. No connections will be permitted from any buildings not located in the Greenbriar project.

Stage 2, which has a design capacity of 125,000 gallons a day, will be constructed only if, in the Associates' judgment, the WSSC sewage system may not be available to serve the Greenbriar apartment project prior to occupancy of dwelling units.

If stage 1 satisfies the test program criteria, WSSC will assume the operation of the plant pursuant to certain terms laid down by the discharge permit. In addition, WSSC agrees to hire and train the necessary operational personnel.

Conditions

Greenbriar Associates, in turn, agrees to pay the costs of (1) constructing, operating and maintaining stage 1 (including the posting of a \$120,000 bond to cover a ten-month operating period following the 8-week testing program); (2) all electric power to operate the plant; (3) abandoning the on-site plant at such time as normal sewer service is made available (including the posting of an \$18,000 bond); (4) maintaining and caring for the buildings and grounds around the facility; (5) consultants' services; (6) virus tests; (7) constructing and maintaining an all-weather road providing ingress and egress to Mandan Road.

WSSC agreed to provide public sewage service to Greenbriar when the State Secretary approves the hook-up to the WSSC Western Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant, the costs of such hook-up to be borne by the Associates.

Greenbriar Associates also agreed to provide a \$200,000/\$400,000 liability policy to protect WSSC's interests until such time as the on-site facility is abandoned.

Emma Richie

Former Greenbelter Emma Richie died of cancer on May 28 at her home, 3 Reservoir Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380. A Greenbelt Pioneer who resided in the 56 court of Crescent, she was a past president of the Center School PTA, charter member of the Woman's Club, and active in Greenbelt Consumer Services where her husband was employed. She is survived by her husband Comly Richie of the home address, a son Ned, daughter Priscilla and several grandchildren.

Duplicate Bridge

Because of a conflict in holiday schedules, the next duplicate game of the Greenbelt Bridge Club will take place on Friday, June 21, starting at 8:30 p.m. in the Co-op Hospitality Room. This will be the only game in the month of June. For further information, call GR 4-6060.

Mosquito Control Program

The City is once again participating in the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture's mosquito control program. This program began last Tuesday and Wednesday, and will continue next Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 and 19 and on the same days every other week thereafter throughout the summer. Communities desiring the service pay 15% of the total cost.

Malathion is the material to be sprayed this summer. This material is regarded as non-hazardous to animals and humans and is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Application concentrations are determined on the basis of findings of responsible agencies, such as the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Agency, and the U. S. Food and Drug Administration.



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Coping With Ticks

An exceptionally high number of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases have been reported in Maryland this year, and the County Health Department is urging citizens to learn how to handle ticks and tick bites.

The types of ticks in this area are the brown dog tick and the American dog tick, which is often called the "wood" tick and may carry the organism causing the fever. Ticks thrive in moist wooded or grassy areas. Keeping weeds and grass cut short will help prevent infestation. Dogs should be inspected before letting them in the house.

Humans should be examined frequently, especially before going to bed, and particularly the scalp and the nape of the neck. If a tick has become attached to the body, use tweezers or a small piece of paper to protect the fingers when removing it. Applying ammonia or alcohol to the tick will usually cause it to let go. Destroy the tick by placing it in a tablespoon of alcohol or ammonia, burning it, or flushing it down the toilet. Always apply an antiseptic to the bite area.

Spotted fever symptoms generally begin within three to ten days after exposure. Sudden onset of headache and fever, possibly with nausea and vomiting, are the first symptoms. On about the third day of illness, a pink spotted rash appears on the palms and soles of the feet and then spreads over the rest of the body.

If ticks are noticed within the home, they may be controlled by using a one percent Baygon or two percent malathion household spray. Treat woodwork, underneath carpets and appliances and any other areas where ticks may be harbored. Infested dogs may also be treated with insecticide, preferably dips or washes, which are more effective than sprays or dusts.

Dr. Perry Stearns, PG County health officer, warns that "while the danger of spotted fever is not great, tick bites must be treated carefully and measures should be taken to avoid ticks infesting houses."

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6905 Greenbelt Rd.

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8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

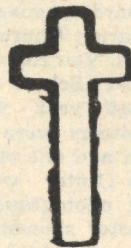
Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

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9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

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The City Council is seeking resumes from interested Greenbelt citizens who wish to serve on any of the following Boards or Committees:

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Interested citizens are urged to submit their resumes to the City Council, 25 Crescent Road, or may call the City Clerk, 474-8003 for further information.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410

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(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00 A.M.)

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Another registration will be held in August.

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Letters to the Editor

Paint Advice

To the Editor:

Some of the GHI members who have slaved over the outside of their frame home scraping and painting in an effort to spruce up their property have been dismayed when the paint starts to peel, chip and fade within a few months. They are further dismayed at the fact that we of GHI have not evolved a proper painting procedure to eliminate such quick deterioration.

So, let's take a look at what goes into painting and finishing. And a logical place to start is to discuss what is meant by the various products offered. So - here's a quick summary of the current products offered:

Acrylic - these are finishes that have a thermoplastic resin for a base formed by the polymerizing the esters or amides of acrylic acid and adding pigmentation.

Latex - these are finishes that have a latex base which can be obtained from such plants as milkweeds, euphorbias, poppies, the plants yielding India rubber, etc. which coagulates on exposure to air and adding pigmentation.

Oil - these are finishes that have linseed oil as a base to which white lead and pigmentation is added.

Epoxy - these are finishes that have epoxy resins for a base and adding pigmentation.

As you can see, the prime difference between the various types of finishes is the base that is used. And, since the bases are not chemically compatible, one type of finish applied over another that has a different base will cause outgassing which results in the layers of paint separating and we call this peeling.

Latex is especially bad in this respect since you have in effect spread a layer of synthetic rubber over the surface - and this will peel off in sheets in some instances if applied over a dirty or waxed surface.

To further complicate matters, different manufacturers add additives to their products to improve the gloss or durability of their products. Now - different companies will add different additives so that if you have a latex, for instance, from one company it may or may not be compatible with a latex from another company. This can happen when the additives are not compatible between the two finishes. Again outgassing will occur and peeling result.

It is because of this latter situation that you cannot say that the products from this company are good products while the products from another company are inferior. What really matters is what has been applied to the surface down thru the years!

For instance on one exterior wall of my house there are traces of stain (original finish for the shingles or asbestos siding), traces of oil base paint, traces of latex base paint, traces of masonry paint! And, it is the incompatibility of the paints and finishes used that has caused this wall to peel excessively! And, it is the incompatibility of the finishes that have been used on the exterior of your frame home that is causing trouble!

Another factor that causes trouble is that the interior finish of your walls must be coordinated with the exterior finish so that the wall can breathe and trapped moisture can escape.

For instance you cannot use interior latex on the inside of your home and exterior latex on the outside of your home. Trapped moisture will cause the exterior to peel and/or the interior to mildew.

This is why the old time painters used oil and lead on the outside and calomine on the inside - the calomine allowed the interior wall to release the moisture.

Speaking of moisture - your exterior paint will peel as long as there is a steam leak in a pipe in the wall. There isn't a finish made that will stand up under these conditions.

However, is there anything that

DESPERATELY NEED

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can be done to correct the mistakes that have occurred during the past 20 years before one moved in?

Yes - indeed there is. The first step is to contact the **technical representative** - not a salesman - of a major paint company of your choice - Sherman-Williams Pittsburgh Paints - Dutch Boy to name a few - and discuss the construction of your home and the interior and exterior finish. He can give you a comprehensive course of corrective action.

The second step is to settle on one paint company and stick with their products down thru the years. Choose a reliable company because off-brand products - such as furnished by GHI - are usually a source of trouble. It is unfortunate that some paint companies will put out products that have been proved inferior until the stock is depleted. And the way they do this to put the products in cans bearing a trade name other than their own standard brand and use the name of a company that exists on paper only. Since they would like to dispose of the stock quickly, they encourage bulk sales to corporations and companies. Another way is to put it out to chain stores and department stores for spring paint sales.

As a former tech rep for Sherman-Williams, it sort of makes me shudder when I see a guy do a bit of scraping and put on a color coat without really preparing the outside surface of his home. Why? It won't be long before the paint peels and fades!

So - my advice is to contact a good tech rep and find out what you should do. Most likely he will recommend really peeling the paint down so all extraneous coats have been removed, then a coat of sealer, then an undercoat, and finally the color coat.

Sure - there is a lot of work involved in making a surface paintable but once done the later work is easy as the years roll around. And, like you, I'm faced with the same problem. The trim on my frame needs taking down to the bare wood with paint remover and the shingles are another big problem.

Ben A. Hogensen

THANKS

To the Editor:

We wish to express our thanks to Greenbelt Rescue Squad members Barry Bordas and Hershel Davis who responded so promptly to our call for the ambulance last Sunday morning to take Mr. Charles McDonald to the hospital. We appreciate this good service. Mr. McDonald is showing much improvement and will be home soon.

Anne McDonald

Effective Chairman

To the Editor:

Jeff Chapman, Chairman of the 1974 GHI Nominations and Election Committee was a most effective chairman as was demonstrated in the orderly outcome of the GHI annual membership meeting and election of May 23-24.

The meeting was the culminating act of Ms. Chapman's chairmanship, but the work was performed throughout the whole preceding year through many committee meetings and conferences. Her committee worked hard and faithfully with her in recognition of her own courteous, patient and hardworking example.

In the name of the committee and of non-committee members of GHI who volunteered their services during the election, the undersigned express their appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Chapman.

Mary Jane Kinzer
Katherine Keene
Josey Seay
Dr. Ellen Harvey
Sue Lange

Gullett's Gamble - Cutting the School Budget

To The Editor:

I am totally dissatisfied with the Education Budget cuts as presented by Mr. Gullett. The rationale for the controversial cuts by Gullett of 14 million dollars from the School budget can be understood if the observer assumes Mr. Gullett's political viewpoint. In an election year, it is good politics to cut taxes. Last year, Mr. Gullett attempted to stockpile surplus County funds looking forward to a 1974 tax cut. The County Council discovered the hidden funds and decided the tax cut was long overdue and voted an immediate 20 percent reduction in the rate for 1973. At that time, I stated that taxes should be cut in any fiscal year possible and we shouldn't wait for an election year. With the slush fund gone, Mr. Gullett had to look elsewhere.

Gullett's political polls have probably shown that there is great dissatisfaction with the property tax in the county. He could have saved a great deal of money in polls if he had asked me about the property tax after I got my bill because I am certainly dissatisfied. Gullett decided to gamble and go after the school's budget. He was careful enough not to attack teachers salaries because any politician knows teachers and teacher's spouses vote. Programs were his target. Gullett's cuts would mean an end to many special education programs and the disciplinary programs so sorely needed in our troubled schools.

Gullett says his cuts are justified because his pupil projections show unsubstantiated decline in attendance next year. The County Council auditors and the school board's projections show Gullett's figures are off considerably.

These programs are extremely important to our school system. I will support the restoration of at least six to seven million dollars of the Education budget. Historically, it has been politically prudent to provide a tax cut in any election year - no matter how small the cut. However, if the choice is to damage the level of education program and service in order to cut a few cents off the tax rate, then **COUNT ME OUT**. Of course, the Council will trim and cut all the fat we can find in the budget, however, I cannot envision these economics being sufficient to meet the budget costs and further provide a tax rate decrease. The County Council must put first things first.

The furor that has followed the announcing of the Gullett cuts shows that political theory is not always political reality. In theory, he suggests that teachers are concerned only with salaries and tenure; in reality they have turned out to many late night meetings and severely criticized Gullett's attempt to cut educational programs. In theory, a reduced tax rate should override the citizens' desire for safe schools; in reality, PTA's parents and future parents have turned out in mass to protect the cuts. In theory, the politician who cuts the tax rate at all costs will win in November. We will all know the political reality in November.

Francis W. White
Vice Chairman
County Council

Thanks

To the Editor:

Just a brief note of appreciation for all the wonderful support in the recent G.H.I. elections.

Remember that the Board will be expanding the committee program this fall. G.H.I. needs a large number of interested and active members to participate in all areas.

I look forward to working with you as well as for you in the coming year. Thanks again,

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GHI Board Settles On Repayment Formula

by Al Skolnik

At a special meeting on Thursday, June 6, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors decided upon the formula for repayment of the \$337,775 deferred mortgage principal for 1974. This is the amount designated for financing the heating improvements program, the first stage of which was approved by the membership at a special meeting on April 17.

GHI manager Roy Breashears was directed to enter into negotiations with Government National Mortgage Association, holder of the GHI mortgage, on the basis of option 1 which calls for repayment of the \$337,775 amount in one lump-sum ("balloon") payment at the expiration of the mortgage in August 1977.

The board wrestled between choosing option 1 and option 4, but finally by a 5 to 4 vote chose option 1. Those favoring option 1 were directors James Smith, Don Volk, Steve Polaschik, Norman Weyel, and Ted Byerly. Those favoring option 4 were James Foster, Hugh O'Donnell, Joe Compton, and Virginia Moryadas.

Option 4 is similar to option 1, the difference being mainly that instead of making one balloon payment to GNMA in August 1977, GHI would pay back the \$337,775 in monthly installments. Both options provide, in effect, for the equivalent of a 4 percent loan.

Those favoring option 1 liked its flexibility and the prospects that GHI, during the period the funds are being accumulated to meet the balloon payment, could invest such funds in high interest-bearing deposits. Option 4 would not offer this opportunity; an amortization schedule would be negotiated with GNMA whereby a set amount would be paid back to GNMA each month. GHI staff had calculated that with a 7% assumed interest return on investment, option 1 would be \$13,113 less costly than option 4.

Some of those opposing option 1 feared its flexibility, expressing concern about management's ability to handle the investment funds and/or about the possibility that future boards might tap the funds for non-fuel-saving projects. They liked option 4 because it guaranteed that the deferred mortgage principal would be paid back when due.

Option 3

Before deciding between options 1 and 4, the board discarded option 3 which called for extending the period of mortgage payments by 12 months when the original mortgage expired in August 1977. In effect, option 3 provided for repayment of the \$337,775 in 12 monthly installments starting September 1977, but at a higher interest rate (estimated at 9%) than the 4% contained in options 1 and 4.

Several non-board members had

avored this option because it meant no increase in monthly charges, but simply the continuation of existing scheduled payments for another 12 months. Options 1 and 4, on the other hand, meant higher monthly charges to accumulate the funds to repay the deferred mortgage principal by August 1977.

The board, however, saw three major problems with option 3.

(1) The \$337,775 repayment would be an operating budget item and become subject to the by-law requirement that any increase in operating expenses of 10 percent or more must have membership approval. (Ten percent of present GHI operating budgets is about \$220,000.) The danger was cited that if the members did not approve the 10 percent hike for 1977-78, GHI could be in default on the mortgage.

(2) For some 289 homes which were originally sold subsequent to 1952 and whose 25-year mortgages will run on past 1977, option 3 would require double payments, during the 12-month period.

(3) The extension of the mortgage for a year means another year in which resales will be adversely affected because of inability to get low-interest 1st trust financing. About 200 units could be affected by this.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the board authorized the establishment of a separate escrow fund for the sole purpose of accumulating the funds to meet the deferred mortgage principal.

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GREENBELT SCHOOLS

Rapping With Students Key Element At Mary Bethune

by Mary Lou Williamson

(The following article is the ninth and final of a series on schools serving the Greenbelt Community)

"Let's bring the student body together," "give them some options," and "let's talk things out." These are the key phrases one hears as Principal Thomas Myrick describes his school, Mary Bethune Junior High. Situated 10 miles to the south, Mary Bethune serves all 7th, 8th and 9th grade students who live in Greenbelt east of Kenilworth Avenue.

The school population has been fairly stable this year, ranging from 850 to 866. The building capacity is set higher, 980, but Myrick doesn't feel the school is under capacity. Last year's desegregation went fairly smoothly, he says, but hastens to remind us that this is the second time 'round for the school. (This previously all-black school was integrated with Cheverly four years ago.) The staff is now 82% white, the student population is 67% white. A year ago the ratio was closer to 50-50.

Myrick has a staff of 44, including a vice principal, Walter Battle, a secretary, and a security counselor whom they share with a near-by school.

The scholastic program is fairly standard throughout the county. All students must take English and social studies (combined as Core for 7th graders), math, science and physical education. Electives include French or Spanish, chorus, industrial arts (shop), art, home economics and instrumental music. Next fall a new offering for 8th and 9th graders will be a fine arts class — eight weeks each of art, shop, music and dramatics. Myrick indicates that the demand by girls for industrial arts is so great that he hopes to have an additional shop room next year.

Music Program

The music program includes two choruses, three bands and a strings group. The strings ensemble, which includes members from three other schools, recently participated in a music festival at Parkdale; they received a superior rating of 1. Greenbelter Sally Weintraub was the soloist with the group. Their instructor is former Greenbelter Charles Granofsky.

Other staff members include three guidance counselors, one for each grade level, a reading teacher, librarian and health aide.

Activities

School-wide activities serve to bring the student body together: to provide variety in experiences and in student groupings. Athletic events, now held during the regular school day, bring many students together. Optional activities held at the same time might include a movie, use of library or study hall. The school participates in the usual athletic programs — baseball, soccer, basketball, wrestling and track. Girls participate in track events this year. Next year, the school hopes to add girls' basketball to the list.

An activity day, scheduled every other week for two periods, gives each student the opportunity to participate in the extra-curricular activities that would normally be held after school — girls gymnastic club, school year book, and the newspaper are a few of the 25 clubs available.

Myrick says quite frankly his school is a microcosm of society — with all the problems one might expect. But he is optimistic. His theory, he says, is to have as few rules as possible, but those should be strictly enforced.

On drugs — incidents are declining, perhaps, he cautions, "that's because we crack down hard when we find it." From the first day of school a student knows exactly what will happen if he or she gets involved with drugs. Students are encouraged to talk with teachers or counselors about drugs (a state law protects the confidentiality of such conversations.)

On vandalism — mostly small, but irritating things are done inside the building by students, nothing excessive.

On bus safety and discipline — again incidents are decreasing. Myrick asks parents to call him

problems occur that they feel he should know about.

The Security counselor works directly with the students. He is the person called in to handle a case of vandalism or theft. He has a student council whose chief job is one of rap sessions: what kind of problems can and do occur and what can be done about them. Together they work much as a safety valve in preventing serious trouble by talking things out.

There are, in fact, many student groups: a human relations council, students' rights and responsibilities group, grievance council and student government. All are charged with keeping lines of communication open and ideas and information flowing between students and staff. Myrick emphasizes the importance of these groups and feels they have played a major role in reducing the number of incidents this year. He says the credit goes to both staff and students — they're all doing a good job and he's proud of them.

Parent Volunteers

Myrick would like to see much more of the parents and hopes more will become involved in the education of their children. Although encouraged to help with anything from tutoring to office work, few show up. One real need is a stand-by list of drivers who could transport home an ill student. As it stands now, someone from the school very often has to do the job, sometimes Myrick himself, though he really needs to be at the school. Myrick encourages parents to come down to visit school, look around, stop in at the office for a chat, but not at lunch time.

Myrick

Myrick himself grew up, went to school and has done his teaching in Prince Georges County. He went to Berwyn elementary school, Greenbelt high school, graduated from Northwestern High the first year it opened. He received his B.S. from Florida Southern College, M.A. at American University and has done graduate work at Western Maryland and the University of Maryland. He has worked in three schools — Francis Scott Key, Bowie Senior High and started five years ago at Mary Bethune as vice principal for two years, then moving up to principal.

Boxwood Mixed Bowling Elected New Officers

The newly elected officers of the Boxwood Mixed Bowling League are Jerry Shafer, president; Joan Vadelund, first vice-president; Fanny McDonald, second vice-president; Walter Wight, secretary.

The annual banquet was held at the JCC clubhouse. Team ratings were: first place team — No. 6, captained by Bruce Marshall; high average — men, Will Hill 167 — women, Marge Hill, 152; high three — men, Will Hill, 589 — women, Joan Vadelund, 538; high single — men, Henry Frieswyk 237 — women, Marge Hill, 219.

Anyone wishing to bowl next season should contact one of the officers.

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GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT 1974 SUMMER LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Registration for these Classes will be held at the Youth Center Monday, June 17th thru Friday, June 21st, 2-4:30 pm, or by mail to Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. Make checks payable to CITY OF GREENBELT. Classes will begin during the week of June 24th. No classes will be conducted on July 4th. Location code: Youth Center (YC), Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHL RC), Braden Field Tennis Courts (BFTC), Lakecrest Tennis Courts (LCTC).

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE	FEE (Non-Resident +25%)
Auto Mechanics	YC	Thu 7-9 pm	Teen/Adult	\$15/5 2-hr classes
Ballet	YC			
PreSchool I		Mon 4-5 pm	4-5 yr. olds	\$8/6 classes
Preschool II		Tue. 4-5 pm	4-5 yr. olds	\$8/6 classes
Beginner		Wed 4-5 pm	6 & O	\$8/6 classes
Advanced		Thu 4-5 pm	6 & O	\$8/6 classes
Ceramics (Pottery)	YC			
Beginner		Mon 10-12n	Teen/Adult	\$12/5 2-hr classes
Intermediate		Wed 8-10 pm	Teen/Adult	plus
Workshop		Thu 8-10 pm	Teen/Adult	materials
Clay Modeling	YC	Mon 1-2 pm	Elementary	\$5/8 classes
Creative Carousel	YC	Mon 2-3 pm	4-5 yr olds	\$5/8 classes
Golf	SHL RC			
Beginner		Tue 6:30-8 pm	Teen/Adult	\$15/10 group hrs
Advanced		Thu 6:30-8 pm	Teen/Adult	\$15/10 group hrs
Slimnastics	YC			
Beginner		Tue 7-8 pm	14 & O	\$6/6 classes
Intermediate		Tue 8-9 pm	14 & O	\$6/6 classes
Tennis				
Beginner	BFTC	Mon 9-10:30 am	16 & O	\$10/5 classes
Beginner	LCTC	Mon 6:30-8 pm	16 & O	\$10/5 classes
Beginner	BFTC	Wed 6:30-8 pm	16 & O	\$10/5 classes
Beginner	BFTC	Sat 8-9:30 am	16 & O	\$10/5 classes
Intermediate	BFTC	Mon 10:30-12n	16 & O	\$10/5 classes
Intermediate	BFTC	Sat 9:30-11 am	16 & O	\$10/5 classes